



**Letter of Intent**  
**between**  
**International Network for Bamboo and Rattan (INBAR)**  
**And**  
**National Green Highways Mission, India**

This Letter of Intent is made at New Delhi, India on this 7th day of November, 2016 (hereinafter called the "Effective Date")

BETWEEN

**National Green Highways Mission under National Highways Authority of India**, entrusted with the responsibility of implementing Green Highways Program for the Ministry, National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (NHIDCL) & National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), having its office at MTNL Building, Sector-19, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110 075 (hereinafter referred to as the "**NGHM**", which expression shall, unless excluded by or repugnant to the context, be deemed to include its successors, administrators and permitted assigns) of the one part.

And

**International Network for Bamboo and Rattan**, an intergovernmental organisation established in 1997 with presently 42 Member States and registered with the United Nations as a Multilateral Organisation, with its Headquarters at 8, Futong Dong Da Jie, Wangjing, Chaoyang District, P.O. Box 100102-86, Beijing 100102, P. R. China (hereinafter called "**INBAR**" which term shall include his successors) of the other part:

NGHM and INBAR hereinafter collectively referred to as the "**Parties**" and individually as the "**Party**" recognizing the benefits of genuine, substantive cooperation and wishing to pursue

such cooperation, have entered into this Letter of Intent (hereinafter referred to as the "LOI") in a spirit of trust and cooperation;

**WHEREAS,**

- NGHM has been launched in pursuance of objectives laid down in the **Green Highways Policy -2015** of **Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, GoI**, with a vision to develop ecofriendly National Highways for sustainable environment and inclusive growth.
- NGHM under the aegis of Green Highways Policy intends to undertake green corridor development along upcoming as well as existing National Highways thereby afforesting 1.62 lakh ha land.
- In pursuance of above mentioned goals, NGHM intends to maximise the use of Bamboo both as plantation species as well as end use material.
- INBAR has a mission to promote the well-being of producers and users of bamboo and rattan within the context of a sustainable resource base.
- INBAR is the world's leading knowledge centre for bamboo and rattan development and a major force for South-South and North-South collaboration across Asia, Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean.
- INBAR and NGHM have agreed to enhance sustainable and inclusive development in India by maximizing Bamboo application both as preferred plantation species and as an end use material along National Highways in India.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto, in consideration of the premises set forth hereinabove and of the mutual covenants and undertaking set forth hereinafter, hereby mutually agree to develop a partnership as per terms and conditions mentioned hereunder as follows:

**A. Scope and Purpose**

1. This LOI provides a framework for cooperation between INBAR and NGHM for Institutional collaboration

2. This LOI is not exclusive and the Parties are free to work with other institutions as well to achieve the organization's goal.
3. A Detailed Institutional Agreement will be drawn up within three months of the signature of the LOI. This Institutional Agreement will specify the responsibilities of INBAR during the coming three years, and define a payment schedule for these services.
4. The following shall be the primary expected areas of future collaboration:
  - Technical Assistance and training by INBAR
  - Policy advocacy
  - International publicity
  - Capacity building and awareness generation by INBAR
  - Any other activity which both parties think relevant for promotion of Bamboo.

#### **B. General Responsibilities of the Parties**

The Parties agree that this LOI, and any work plan agreed to hereunder, is neither a fiscal nor a funding obligation document. Any commitment to transfer anything of value involving reimbursement or to provide funds, goods or services by the Parties for any agreed activity will be outlined in a separate agreement that will be made in writing by representatives of the Parties and will be independently authorised by an appropriate authority of the funding party consistent with the regulations, rules, policies and practice of the Parties. The Parties agree that this LOI does not provide such authority.

#### **C. Agreement Period**

This LOI shall enter into force upon signature by the authorized representatives of the Parties, being effective from the date of the latest signature and shall remain valid for a period of 1 year from the effective date of this LOI, unless earlier terminated by either Party. It will be superseded by the Institutional Agreement described in Section B above

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, duly appointed representatives of NGHM, NHAI, and INBAR have signed this LOI in two originals in the place(s) and on the date(s) herein below indicated:

NGHM	INBAR
 Dr. AK. Bhattacharya MD, NGHM  Place: New Delhi  Date: 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	 Dr Hans Friederich Director General International Network for Bamboo and Rattan Place: NEW DELHI  Date: 7 NOV 2016